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Date: April 17, 2018 at 1:47:30 PM EDT
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Dear Mr. Zondervan,

I am writing concerning the resolution proposed by Mass Against HP to the City Council set to be debated on April 23.

You were my top choice in the election this past November. We share an alma mater that is so important to Cambridge, and we work in similar industries (I manage business development for a Cambridge-based biotech startup). I was also inspired by your platform advocating for climate change action and making Cambridge a better place to live for all its residents.

I was shocked when I heard recently of the proposed resolution. As I'm sure you're aware, Mass Against HP introduced this resolution as part of the broader BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanction) movement. This movement is, in the words of its leaders, dedicated to the destruction of Israel, the only Jewish nation in the world. Politicians from across the political spectrum, even those most critical of Israel's policies, have condemned BDS, including Senators Elizabeth Warren of MA and Bernie Sanders of VT.

Furthermore, BDS does not help Palestinians. In fact, 500 Palestinian workers lost their jobs when SodaStream, a popular manufacturer of home seltzer machines, recently closed their West Bank factory following pressure from the BDS movement.

Despite being only 70 years old and surrounded by hostile neighbors, Israel is a worldwide leader in innovation. The country produces the most startups per capita in the world, and has introduced life-changing innovations in high-tech, biotech, agriculture, and other industries. MIT, our shared alma mater, has strong connections with Israel and boasts many leading professors from Israel.

I love living in Cambridge because of its diversity. While the Jewish community here is relatively small, I have always felt safe showing my Jewish identity in public, and I proudly wear a *yarmulke* on my head. This resolution, if accepted, would make myself and the others Jews who call Cambridge home feel unsafe and unwanted.

I urge you to reject this hateful resolution.

Sincerely,

Evan Crane